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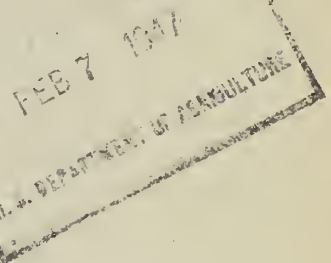
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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of February, 1947

Estimates indicate that there will be an increased demand for refrigerator cars during the latter part of this month and the remainder of the winter. The loading of citrus, vegetables and seed potatoes, and canned goods will be particularly heavy and other perishable commodities are expected to move in volume.

During the first two weeks in December, there was a general shortage of refrigerator cars on the west coast which was temporarily overcome the latter part of the month due to the improvement in the movement of empties from the East and lighter loadings during the holiday season.

None of the loading territories now have comfortable car supplies, and if heavy loading is to be protected currently, it will be necessary that refrigerator cars be given prompt handling by shippers, receivers and carriers.

According to the BAE, the prospective supply of commercial vegetables from the winter growing States is only 3 percent under the high level of last year and the aggregate tonnage is estimated at 1,404,800 compared with 1,446,900 tons produced a year ago. Relatively large decreases are indicated for beets and lima beans, while moderate declines are expected for cabbage, celery, lettuce and tomatoes. Increases over last year are expected for snap beans, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant, green peas, green peppers and spinach.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 73,957 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of February 1947, compared with a revised estimate of 83,257 cars in January 1947, and an increase of 0.1 percent as compared with the 73,924 cars shipped during February 1946.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during February 1947, have been estimated to reach approximately 9,910. Those that will move in volume are shown below:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	3,200	300	20
Onions	-	90	60
Pears	130	530	-
Potatoes	100	900	4,500
Turnips & Rutabagas	30	-	-

Fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to move in volume in carload lots from the South Pacific Region during February 1947, are as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Carrots	1,180	500
Cauliflower	1,000	460
Celery	590	10
Broccoli	170	110
Cabbage	380	220
Grapefruit	60	300
Lemons	975	5
Lettuce & Romaine	4,500	1,350
Mixed Vegetables	1,250	750
Oranges & Satsumas	3,900	50
Peas, green	100	-
Potatoes	750	-

Total estimated rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during February 1947 will aggregate 1,945 carloads. Of this total about 77 percent are estimated to move from Colorado. The potato shipments are estimated to be as follows: Colorado, 1,480 carloads; Wyoming, 300 carloads; Utah, 150 carloads, and Montana, 100 carloads. Colorado is also expected to ship 100 cars of mixed vegetables and 80 cars of onions.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Central Region during February 1947, are estimated to be 4,885. More than 96 percent of these movements are estimated to consist of potatoes. These potato shipments are expected to originate as follows: 1,800 cars from North Dakota; 1,500 cars from Minnesota; 1,200 cars from Nebraska; 200 cars from South Dakota, and 20 cars from Iowa. The only other important shipments will be approximately 100 cars of onions from Minnesota.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas) during the month of February 1947 will total about 570. Those to move in volume are estimated to be 500 cars of sweetpotatoes and 30 cars of mixed vegetables from Louisiana.

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Great Lakes Region during the month of February 1947 will approximate 1,030. The principal movements are listed below by commodities and States:

Great Lakes Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>
Apples	20	10	-	15	-
Cabbage	-	-	-	-	20
Onions	5	5	50	2300	30
Potatoes	-	-	5	300	300

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region during February 1947 should approximate 6,345 carloads. These will consist chiefly of potato shipments as follows: 6,000 cars from Maine; 160 cars from Connecticut; 155 cars from Massachusetts, and 20 cars from Rhode Island.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic States during February 1947 have been estimated to total around 1,695. About 91 percent of these carload movements are expected to originate in New York State. The balance will be distributed throughout the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and will consist of sweetpotato, potato, onion and apple shipments as follows: for sweetpotatoes, New Jersey 50 carloads; for apples Pennsylvania 25 carloads and West Virginia 30 carloads; for onions Pennsylvania 40 carloads. The principal movements from New York State follow:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u> <u>New York State</u>
Carrots	220
Cabbage	180
Onions	720
Potatoes	400

Principal carload shipments to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during February 1947, are estimated to be as follows:

Southern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u> <u>South Carolina</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Apples	-	-	70
Broccoli	-	10	-
Cabbage	-	40	-
Greens (except Spinach)	60	5	115
Mixed Vegetables	80	20	-
Spinach	-	-	-
Sweetpotatoes	-	65	-

In addition to the above 40 cars of sweetpotatoes are expected to originate in North Carolina and 30 cars in Tennessee.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during February 1947 are estimated as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Beans, snap & lima	-	720
Carrots	770	35
Celery	-	2,380
Beets	60	-
Broccoli	50	10
Cabbage	1,200	1,095
Escarole	-	110
Grapefruit	3,675	1,500
Mixed Citrus Fruit	700	2,000
Mixed Vegetables	2,100	1,220
Oranges & Satsumas	530	5,900
Peppers, green	-	170
Potatoes	-	625
Spinach	1,300	-
Sweetpotatoes	50	10
Tangerines	-	800
Tomatoes	-	1,000

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